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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2547

Introduced by Assembly Member Beth Gaines

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section ~~18986.62~~ 18986.60 of, *to amend the heading of Chapter 12.96 (commencing with Section 18986.60) of Part 6 of Division 9 of, and to repeal Sections 18986.61 and 18986.62 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health and human services.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2547, as amended, Beth Gaines. Placer County Integrated Health and Human Services ~~Pilot~~ Program.

Existing law requires Placer County, upon approval of the county, and with the assistance of the appropriate state departments, to implement a pilot program for the funding and delivery of services and benefits through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human services system. Under existing law, these provisions become inoperative on July 1, 2016, and are repealed on January 1, 2017.

~~This bill would extend by 5 years the dates upon which the provisions relating to the Placer County health and human services pilot program would become inoperative and would be repealed.~~ *delete the provisions making the program inoperative and providing for its repeal, thereby extending that program indefinitely. The bill would delete obsolete related provisions and make other conforming changes.*

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for Placer County.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. The heading of Chapter 12.96 (commencing with*
2 *Section 18986.60) of Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and*
3 *Institutions Code is amended to read:*

4
5 CHAPTER 12.96.

6 PLACER COUNTY INTEGRATED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ~~PILOT~~ PROGRAM
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8 *SEC. 2. Section 18986.60 of the Welfare and Institutions Code*
9 *is amended to read:*

10 18986.60. (a) Placer County, with the assistance of the
11 appropriate state departments, within the existing resources of
12 those departments, shall implement a ~~pilot~~ program upon approval
13 of that county, for the funding and delivery of services and benefits
14 through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human
15 services system.

16 (b) The Placer County ~~pilot project~~ program shall, in providing
17 services through an integrated system to families and individuals,
18 among other things, do all of the following:

19 (1) Implement and evaluate a system of universal intake for
20 those seeking services.

21 (2) Implement and evaluate a system whereby a family or
22 individual eligible for more than one service may be provided
23 those services by as few as a single county employee, through an
24 integrated, coordinated service plan.

25 (3) Implement and evaluate a system of administration that
26 centralizes the management and support of client services.

27 (4) Implement and evaluate a system of reporting and
28 accountability that provides for the combined provision of services
29 as provided for in paragraph (2), without the loss of state or federal
30 funds provided under current law.

31 (c) The integrated system may include, but need not be limited
32 to, any or all of the following:

33 (1) Adoption services.

34 (2) Child abuse prevention services.

35 (3) Child welfare services.

36 (4) Delinquency prevention services.

37 (5) Drug and alcohol services.

38 (6) Mental health services.

- 1 (7) Eligibility determination.
- 2 (8) Employment and training services.
- 3 (9) Foster care services.
- 4 (10) Health services.
- 5 (11) Public health services.
- 6 (12) Housing services.
- 7 (13) Medically indigent program services.
- 8 (14) All other appropriately identified and targeted services,
- 9 except for dental care.

10 (d) Programs or services shall be included in the ~~pilot project~~
11 *program* only to the extent that federal funding to either the state
12 or the county will not be reduced as a result of the inclusion of the
13 services in the ~~project~~ *program*. This ~~pilot project~~ *program* shall
14 not generate any increased expenditures from the General Fund.

15 (e) The county and the appropriate state departments shall jointly
16 seek federal approval of the ~~pilot project~~ *program*, as may be
17 needed to ensure its funding and allow for the integrated provision
18 of services.

19 (f) This chapter shall not authorize Placer County to discontinue
20 meeting its obligations under current law to provide services or to
21 reduce its accountability for the provision of these services.

22 (g) This chapter shall not authorize Placer County to reduce
23 Placer County's eligibility under current law for state funding for
24 the services included in the ~~pilot project~~ *program*.

25 (h) Placer County shall utilize any and all state general and
26 county funds that it is legally allocated or entitled to receive.
27 Through the creation of integrated health and social services
28 structures, the county shall maximize federal matching funds.

29 (i) The appropriate state departments that are assisting and
30 cooperating in the implementation of the ~~project~~ *program*
31 authorized by this chapter shall have the authority to waive
32 regulations regarding the method of providing services and the
33 method of reporting and accountability, as may be required to meet
34 the goals set forth in subdivision (b).

35 *SEC. 3. Section 18986.61 of the Welfare and Institutions Code*
36 *is repealed.*

37 ~~18986.61. (a) Placer County shall evaluate the pilot program~~
38 ~~and shall prepare a final evaluation and submit the final evaluation~~
39 ~~to the Governor or the Governor's designee and the appropriate~~

1 policy committees of the Legislature not later than six months
2 following the third year of the implementation of the pilot program.

3 (b) ~~The county, with the assistance of the appropriate state~~
4 ~~departments, shall seek private funding to provide for the~~
5 ~~evaluation of the pilot program. The evaluation required by this~~
6 ~~section shall be conducted only if nonstate resources are made~~
7 ~~available for this purpose.~~

8 *SEC. 4. Section 18986.62 of the Welfare and Institutions Code*
9 *is repealed.*

10 ~~18986.62. This chapter shall become inoperative on July 1,~~
11 ~~2016, and, as of January 1, 2017, is repealed, unless a later enacted~~
12 ~~statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2017,~~
13 ~~deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and~~
14 ~~is repealed.~~

15 *SEC. 5. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law*
16 *is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable*
17 *within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California*
18 *Constitution due to the unique circumstances of Placer County*
19 *and the success of the Placer County Integrated Health and Human*
20 *Services Pilot Program.*

21 ~~SECTION 1. Section 18986.62 of the Welfare and Institutions~~
22 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

23 ~~18986.62. This chapter shall become inoperative on July 1,~~
24 ~~2021, and, as of January 1, 2022, is repealed, unless a later enacted~~
25 ~~statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2022,~~
26 ~~deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and~~
27 ~~is repealed.~~